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In re Patent Application of:  
John H. Oates

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For: LOAD BALANCING COMPUTATIONAL  
METHODS IN A SHORT-CODE SPREAD-  
SPECTRUM COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Examiner: N. Hoque

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.